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The purpose of the agency is to serve the multiply handicapped blind child, specifically the blind child with severe emotional difficulties. Our goal is to help every child reach the highest level of adjustment possible for him. We provide residential diagnostic and treatment services to assist each child in developing his individual capabilities and attaining a sense of his own personal worth.



Our agency must be a bridge between the emotionally disturbed blind child and the world in which he must live. To build this bridge, the youngster and his parents are first admitted to one diagnostic service. For ten days, our professional team works with the child and his family to determine his strengths and his needs. Then, we recommend the course of treatment deemed most appropriate to meet those needs, and refer the family to the agency we feel is best able to help.

If the child requires residential treatment, he remains in our own center where an individualized treatment program is devised, geared to meet his particular needs. This treatment plan must provide a proper balance of classroom work, psychotherapy for the child, group living, contacts with the outside community, medical care, and help for his parents. Throughout the child's residence with us, his response to his treatment program is carefully evaluated, and changes made as they seem indicated.

The happiest day for us is when we are able to decide that a youngster no longer needs our services, and is ready to take his place in the outside world.



The Boston Center for Blind Children has been a pioneer in the residential treatment of the multiply handicapped blind child. With increasing governmental participation in the medical field, the specialized agency, with its greater flexibility, has a special need to fill. The treatment offered can be tailored to the individual. Greater personal contact between the staff, the patient and his family can be maintained.

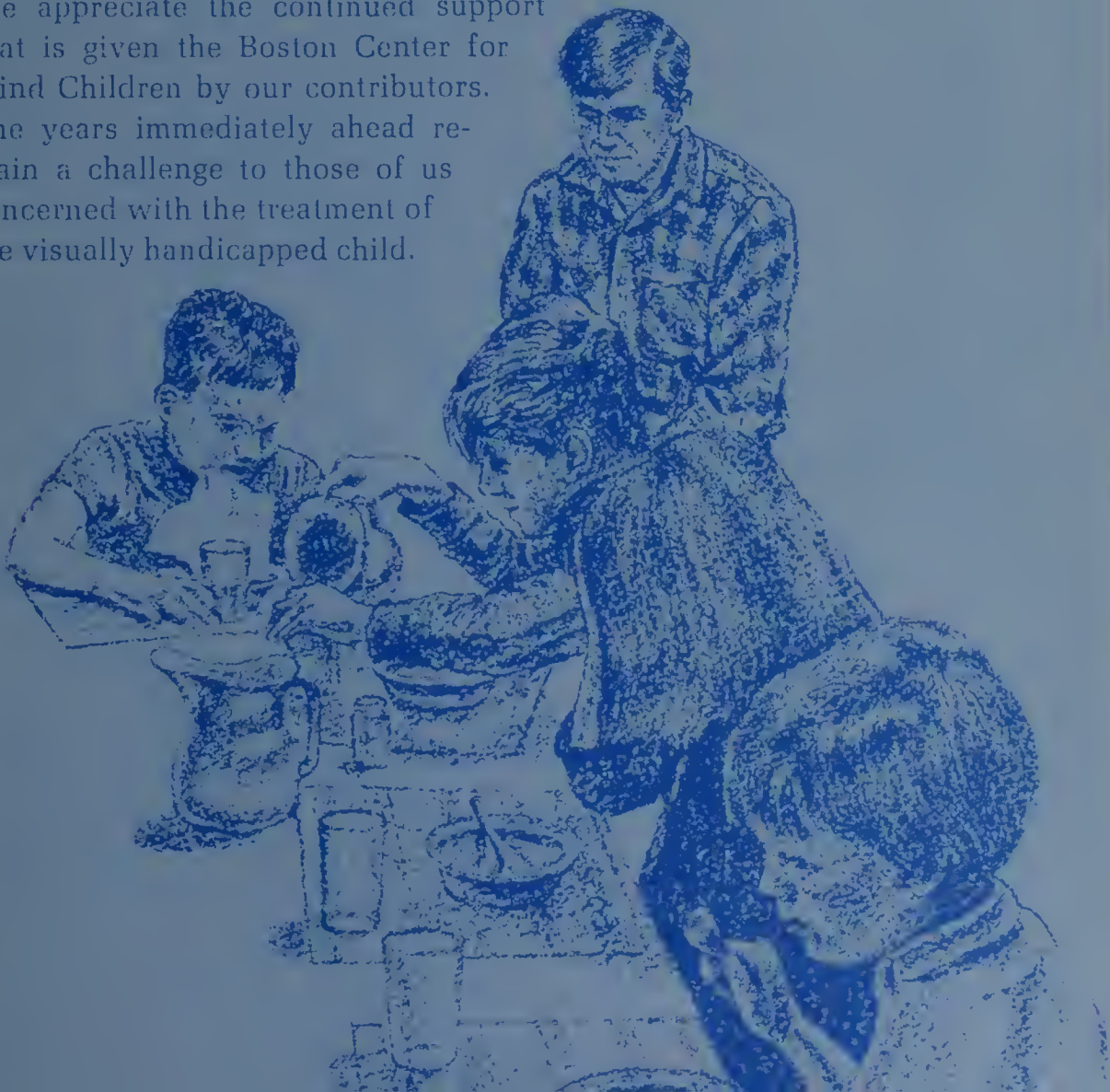
The successes in this kind of treatment may be shared with the larger community health centers, whose own time given to any specialized health problem is necessarily limited. In this way, the private agency can effectively serve a larger population.

A private agency such as ours must be continually alert to the changing needs of the community. We are very pleased to report that in 1966 we became a provisional member of the Child Welfare League of America.

The professional staff of the League can help us to evaluate ourselves and provide greater communication with other agencies dealing with the problems of children.

Also this year, in a specific area, we are joining with Perkins School for the Blind in a program to plan for the treatment of the victims of the recent Rubella (German Measles) epidemic. Many of these children include blindness as one of their handicaps.

We appreciate the continued support that is given the Boston Center for Blind Children by our contributors. The years immediately ahead remain a challenge to those of us concerned with the treatment of the visually handicapped child.



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Condensed Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
of Operating Fund
For the Year Ended DECEMBER 31, 1965

RECEIPTS:

Net income from Endowment Fund	
Investments	\$ 75,471.92
Payments toward board and care of children	71,188.45
Contributions	16,121.80
Miscellaneous income	881.83

TOTAL RECEIPTS: **\$ 163,664.00**

Deduct — DISBURSEMENTS:

Services	123,018.06
Equipment and maintenance	4,981.11
General operating expenses	37,275.04

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: **165,274.21**

OPERATING DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR 1965 **\$ 1,610.21**

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RECEIPTS:

Net income from Endowment Fund	
Investments	\$ 76,176.35
Fees	87,851.47
Contributions	15,554.66
Miscellaneous income	137.74

TOTAL RECEIPTS: **\$ 179,720.22**

Deduct — DISBURSEMENTS:

Services	129,083.55
Equipment and maintenance	12,048.62
General operating expenses	40,588.36

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: **181,720.53**

OPERATING DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR 1966 **\$ 2,000.31**

